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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

IN RE:

ASPEN EXPLORATION, INC.,

DEBTOR

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**CASE NO. 08-50325
(Chapter 7)**

**STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING CLAIM NUMBER 222
FILED BY GARY R. RICE**

Janet S. Northrup, Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Trustee") of the bankruptcy estate of Aspen Exploration, Inc. (the "Debtor") and Gary R. Rice stipulate as follows:

1. Gary R. Rice filed proof of claim number 222 as an unsecured claim in the amount of \$4,099,318.75, in the above-referenced bankruptcy proceeding.
2. As part of the compromise resolving certain Avoidance Claims of the Trustee, the parties agree that the proof of claim of Gary R. Rice shall be reclassified and allowed as a subordinated claim under 11 U.S.C. § 510(b) in the amount of \$4,099,318.75.

Respectfully submitted,

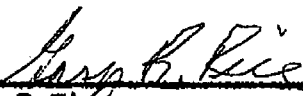
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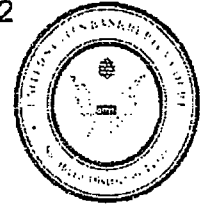
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The above *Stipulation and Order Regarding Claim Number 222* filed by Gary R. Rice is approved and its terms are so ORDERED.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, this 10th day of May 2011.



HONORABLE JEFF BOHM
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



ENTERED
12/27/2010

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CASE NO. 08-50325
(Chapter 7)

ORDER GRANTING TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR AUTHORITY TO COMPROMISE A
CLASS OF CONTROVERSIES PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019(b)
(85%/510(b) CLAIM SETTLEMENTS)
[Related to Docket No. 842]

Came on for consideration, Janet Northrup, Chapter 7 Trustee's ('Trustee') *Motion for Authority to Compromise a Class of Controversies Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019(b) (85%/510(b) Claim Settlements)* (the "Motion"). Having considered the Motion, any objections thereto, and evidence and arguments of counsel, if any, the Court is of the opinion that the Motion should be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further

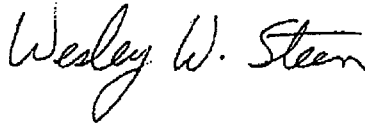
ORDERED that the Trustee may settle causes of action arising under chapter 5 of title 11 and objections to claims on the following basis: persons receiving transfers the Trustee contends are avoidable pursuant to chapter 5 of title 11 may compromise that controversy by paying the Trustee 85% of the transfers at issue. Further, to the extent any such person has filed a proof of claim the Trustee contends should be equitably subordinated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 510(b), such person may resolve such claim objection by returning 85% of the avoidable transfers and withdrawing such claim in exchange for the Trustee's recognition of the amount of the claimant's investments with the Debtor or an affiliate of the Debtor as an allowed claim under 11 U.S.C. § 510(b). It is further

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ORDERED that the Trustee is authorized to execute all documents and take all other actions necessary to complete the settlements and compromise of controversies on the terms set out in the Motion or in a form substantially similar to that set out in the Motion.

SIGNED December 23, 2010



THE HONORABLE WESLEY W. STEEN,
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